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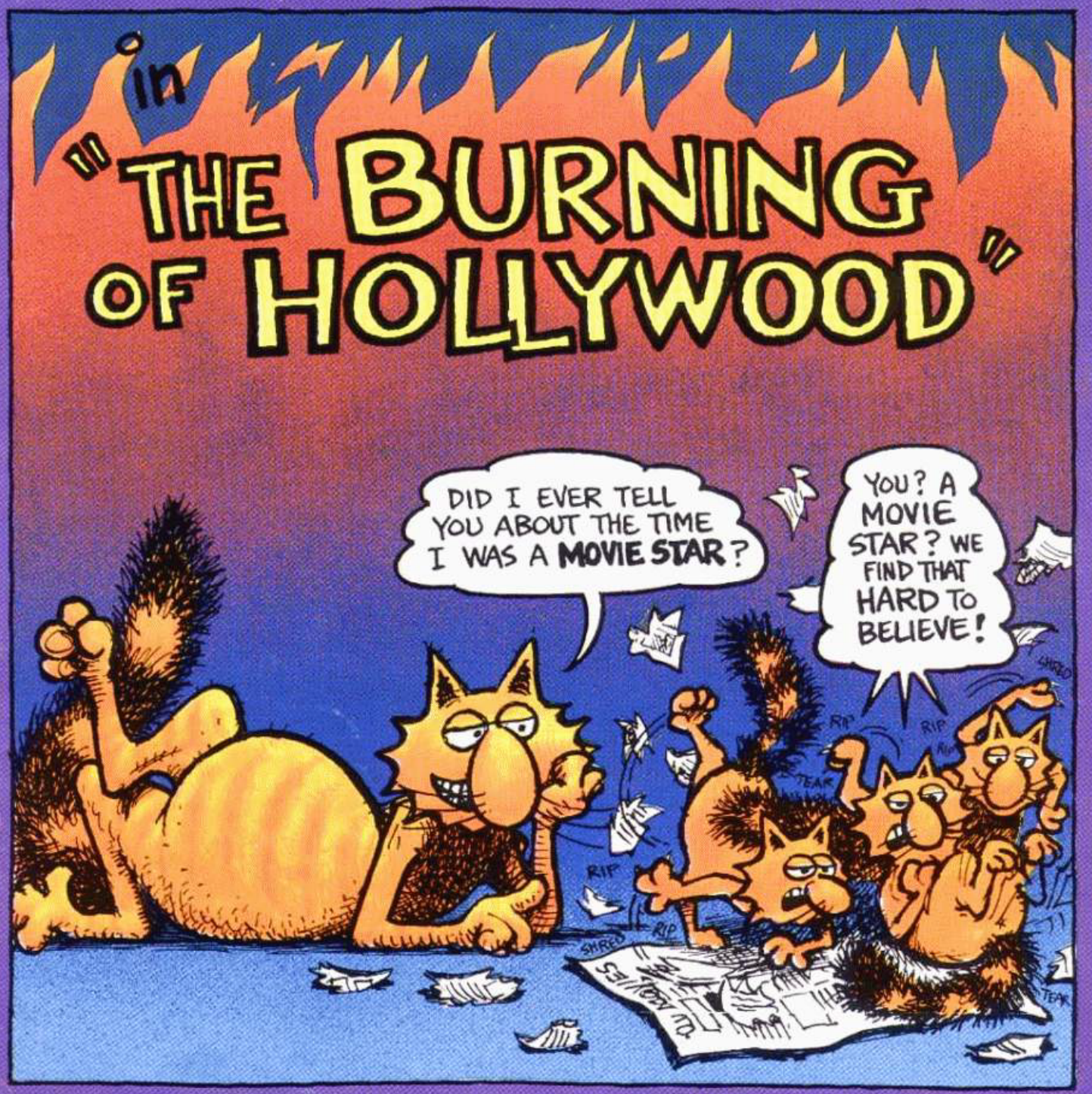

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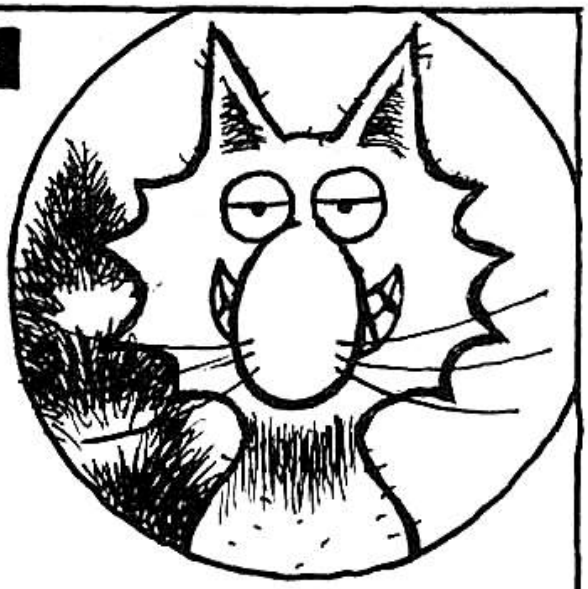

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DID I EVER TELL YOU ABOUT THE TIME I WAS A **MOVIE STAR**?

YOU? A MOVIE STAR? WE FIND THAT HARD TO BELIEVE!

RIP RIP RIP TEAR RIP SHRED SHRED TEAR

LET'S PUT IT THIS WAY: I WOULD HAVE BEEN A MOVIE STAR, BUT MY WORK WAS SUPPRESSED FOR POLITICAL REASONS!

WE FIND THAT EVEN **HARDER** TO BELIEVE!

IT ALL STARTED LATE ONE NIGHT WHEN FAT FREDDY WAS SITTING UP WATCHING THE BOOB TUBE...

WOW! A **MOVIE** WITH ALL THE PARTS PLAYED BY **LIVE BIRDS**! WHAT A GREAT IDEA!

I BET I COULD DO EVEN **BETTER**!

GLOM

FREEWHEELIN' FRANKLIN WON'T MIND IF I BORROW HIS TYPEWRITER FOR A COUPLE OF DAYS TO KNOCK OUT MY SCREENPLAY!
IN MY MOVIE THERE WILL BE BIRDS, RATS, DOGS, RACCOONS, HAMSTERS, PIGS, GOLDFISH, GERBILS, PARAKEETS AND CATS!
...BUT MAINLY CATS!
AND YOU, MY FURRY FRIEND, ARE GOING TO BE THE NEXT BIG ANIMAL SUPERSTAR, AND I, FAT FREDDY, WILL BE YOUR MANAGER!
A SHORT TIME LATER, A BATTERED VOLKSWAGEN VAN PULLS INTO THE MOVIE CAPITAL OF THE WORLD.
HERE IT IS, PUSSYCAT! HOLLYWOOD!
WILL YOU PLEASE STOP BITING AND SCRATCHING ME?
THIS LOOKS LIKE AS GOOD A PLACE AS ANY TO DO IT!
MEGALITHIC MOVIES INC.
MEGALITHIC
I'M SORRY, MR. FREEKOWTSKI, BUT MEGALITHIC JUST ISN'T INTERESTED IN READING YOUR SCREENPLAY "DISCO KITTY MEETS THE MEOWBEASTS OF MARS!"
BUT... BUT YOU HAVEN'T EVEN SEEN MY CAT YET!
VISITORS

DESPITE HIS ELOQUENT PLEAS, FAT FREDDY IS POLITELY ESCORTED FROM EVERY MOTION PICTURE STUDIO IN HOLLYWOOD, ONE BY ONE.
YOU FOOLS! YOU'RE PASSING UP THE IDEA OF THE DECADE!
SPACE DOGFIGHTS WITH REAL DOGS! THAT'LL GET THE SCIENCE-FICTION CROWD IN THERE WITH THE DOG AUDIENCE! LOOK! WE'LL HAVE FLIPPER AND LASSIE IN IT IN CAMEO ROLES! IS LASSIE STILL ALIVE?
...AND THE STAR OF THE SHOW IS THAT HOT LITTLE PROPERTY OF MINE, THIS CAT HERE... HE'S A DANCING CAT, DOES THE TANGO, THE FANDANGO, YOU NAME IT!!
THE DISCO CROWD, THE FRED ASTAIRE FANS... EVERYONE WILL BE STANDING IN LINE TO SEE IT TIME AFTER TIME! WE CAN'T LOSE! IT'S A NATURAL!!
NOW SHOWING ONE BY FREEKOWTSKI
75th BIG WEEK
AND THE MEOWBEASTS FROM MARS
DIRECTED BY FREDERICK FREEKO
ALL SEATS $.00
THEN...
...AND THE ACADEMY AWARD FOR BEST DIRECTOR-SCREENWRITER FOR THE YEAR 1978...
FREDERICK FREEKOWTSKI!
CLAP
HOLLER
CLAP
CLAP
CLAP
YELL
SCREAM
CLAP
CLAP
YELL
CLAP
SHOUT
CLAP
CLAP
YOU'LL NEVER TAKE ME ALIVE, FAT FREDDY!
SPROINK
POP

I GUESS THERE'S JUST NO PLACE FOR US IN THE FILM BUSINESS, PUSS!
(SIGH) WASHED OUT BEFORE WE EVEN GOT STARTED!
THERE'S ONE FAINT HOPE: MAYBE WE CAN GET ON ONE OF THOSE TELEVISION QUIZ SHOWS AND BE DISCOVERED BY A BIG-TIME MOVIE TALENT SCOUT!
LEAP
CAVORT
SORRY, BUT WE ONLY CHOOSE OUR QUIZ CONTESTANTS FROM MEMBERS OF QUIZ CONTESTANTS LOCAL #12!
YOU MIGHT TRY THE CLANG HONK SHOW!
DAWDLING FOR DOLLARS
THE CLANG HONK SHOW?
A DANCING CAT?
OKAY, YOU'RE ON RIGHT AFTER THE NEXT ACT!
THE CLANG HONK Show
AMATEUR TALENT CONTEST
NIGHTLY
ADMISSION 50¢
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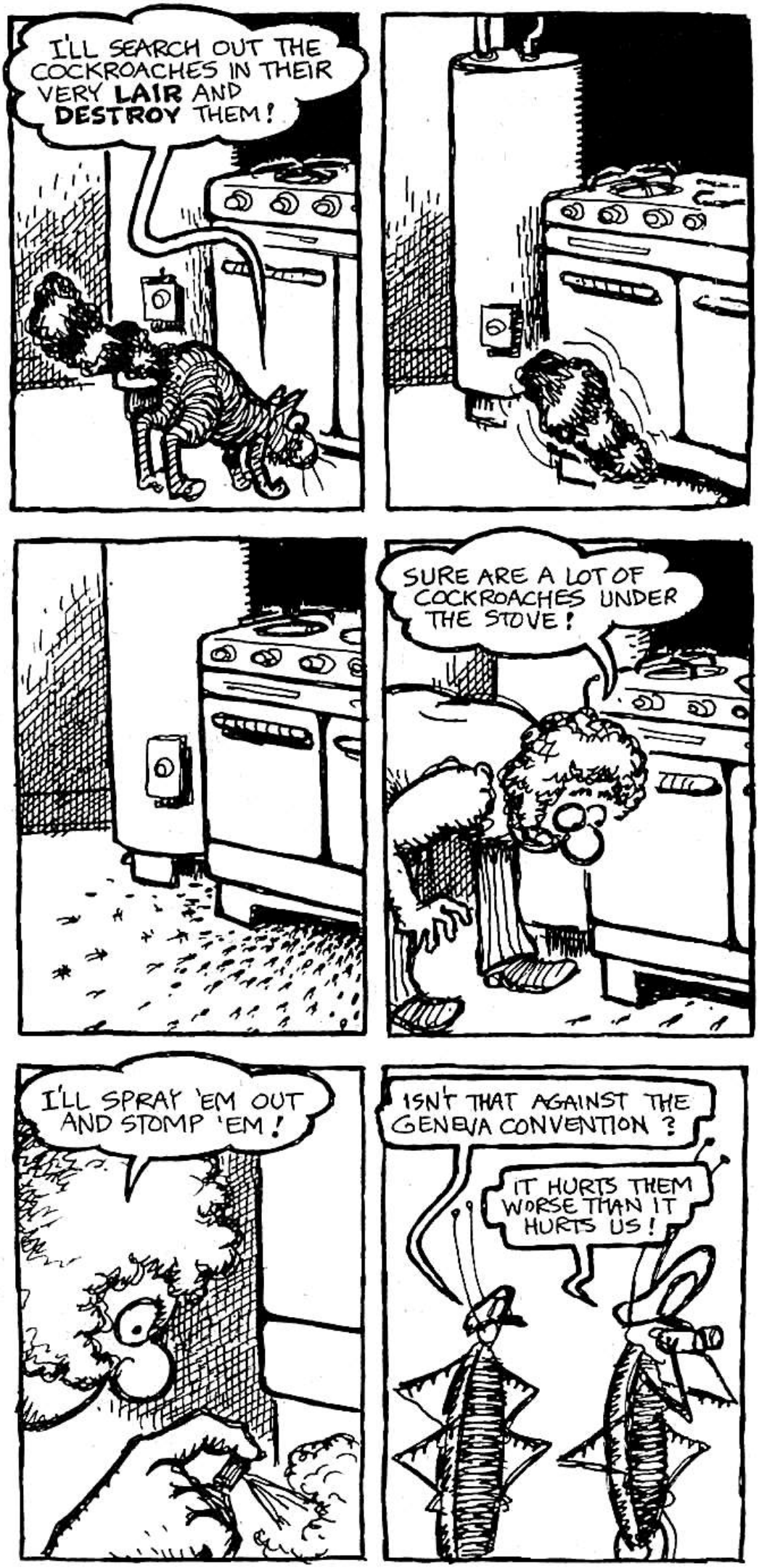
FREE ROTTEN VEGETABLES
ALL RIGHT! OUR BIG CHANCE! IT'S NOW OR NEVER! DO YOU FOLLOW ME, KID?
GOTCHA, BOSS! LET'S DO IT!!
LADIES AND GENTLEMEN! PRESENTING...
DINGLEFORD THE DANCING CAT!

DANCE, KITTY!
C'MON, DANCE! I KNOW YOU CAN DO IT! I'VE SEEN YOU DO IT A HUNDRED TIMES!
MY NAME IS NOT "DINGLEFORD."
DANCE, DAMN YOU, DANCE!
NOT UNTIL YOU COME UP WITH A STAGE NAME THAT I CAN LIVE WITH!
YARRRRRRRGGHHHH! DANCE! DANCE! DANCE!
POP
WHACK
WHACK
... AND STAY OUT! THAT WAS THE PUNKEST ACT WE'VE EVER SEEN!
OHHH, NO! NOW MY CAR HAS BEEN TOWED AWAY!
(WHIMPER) (CHOKE) HERE I AM, STUCK IN HOLLYWOOD WITH (SNIFFLE) NO CAR AND NO MONEY (WEEP) (CRY)!
HEY! IT'S OKAY, BOSS! YOU STILL HAVE ME!
I FEEL LIKE SUCH A HEEL! MY PUSSYCAT STILL LOVES ME AFTER I MISTREATED HIM SO!
HM! WHAT'S THAT?
THAT'S TODAY!
85th ANNUAL CHAMPIONSHIP
CAT SHOW
JULY 16
SANTA MONICA CIVIC AUDITORIUM
$1000 PRIZE FOR BEST BLUE CAT
PURRR PURRR

$1,000 PRIZE FOR THE BEST BLUE CAT?!
I CAN'T BELIEVE IT!
$1000
BEST BLUE
WELL, BOYS, TO MAKE A LONG STORY SHORT, THAT FAT FOOL WAS OUT IN THE BUSHES BY THAT AUDITORIUM TRYING TO DYE ME BLUE, WHEN HIS CAMPFIRE GOT OUT OF CONTROL!
THE FLAMES SPREAD TO THE BUILDING ITSELF, WHICH WAS OF COURSE MADE OUT OF STUCCO!
THAT ART DECO LANDMARK WENT UP LIKE THE HINDENBERG ZEPPELIN, WHILE FLAMING MANXES, ABYSSINIANS, HIMALAYANS, PERSIANS, BURMESE, SIAMESE, CORNISH REXES, TABBYS, TORTOISE-SHELLS AND LONGHAIRS SPREAD THE FIRE THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE COUNTY. I MYSELF TEMPORARILY LOST MUCH OF MY TAIL FUR!
THE CAT LOVERS OF THE AREA HAD TO PAY A LOT TO HAVE THE NEWS SUPPRESSED, WITH ALL THAT FILM FOOTAGE OF ME SETTING FIRE TO THE CITY POUND!
(HO HUM)
WHAT IS YOUR REAL NAME, ANYWAY?
CALL ME QUAXO, CALL ME JELLYLORUM, CALL ME CORICOPAT... CALL ME ANYTHING YOU WANT!
HEEERE KITTY KITTY KITTY!
JUST DON'T CALL ME LATE FOR DINNER!
THE END

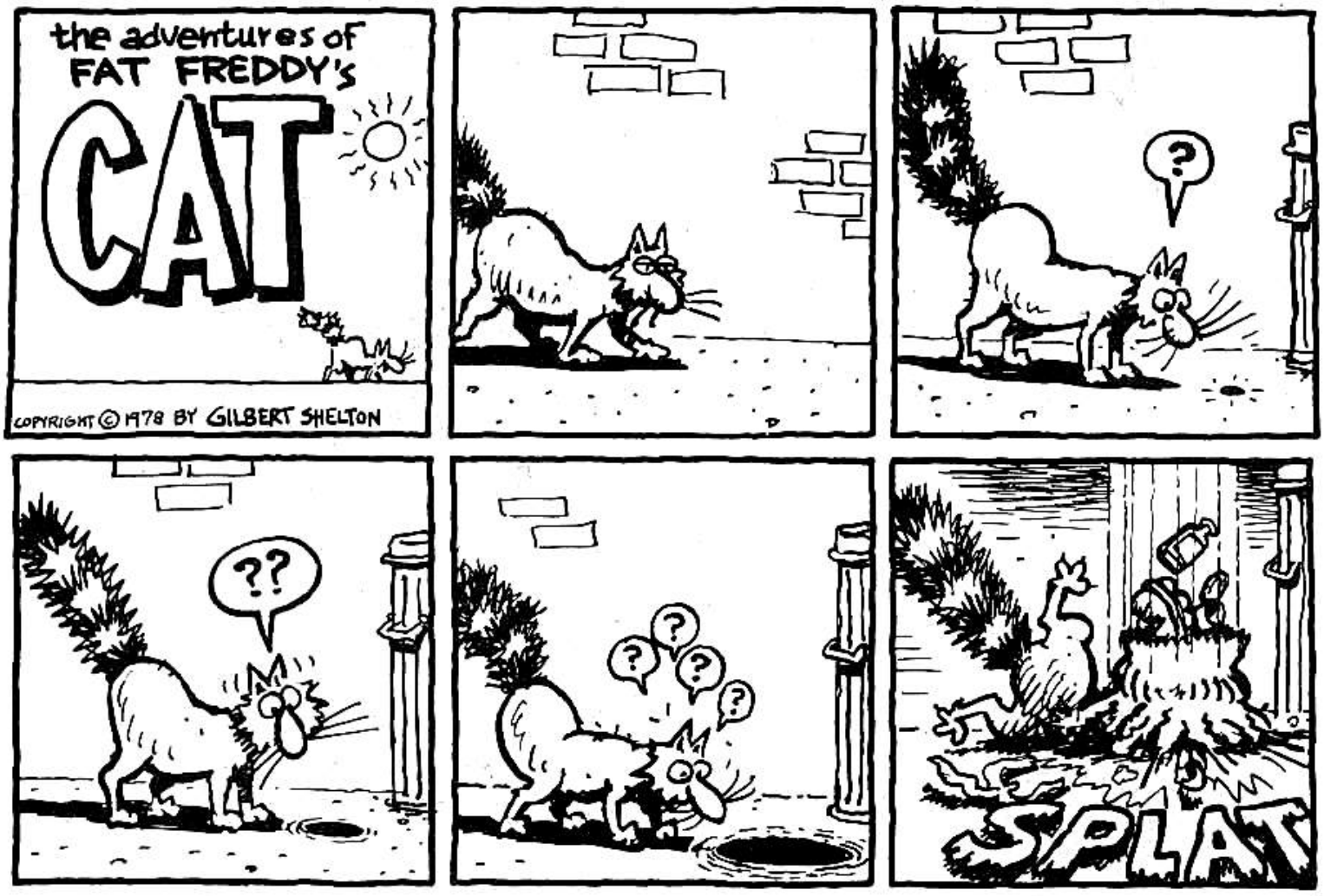
EVERYBODY THINKS I'M SOME SORT OF SISSY JUST BECAUSE I HAVE FLUFFY FUR!
THAT REALLY BURNS MY ASS!
KITTY, YOU STINK! YOU NEED A BATH!
GOOD LORD! NO!
THIS SHAMPOO WILL MAKE YOU SMELL NICE!
ARRGH!
HEY, LEROY, WHAT'S THAT GODAWFUL SMELL?
SMELLS LIKE A FRENCH WHOREHOUSE TO ME, FLOYD!
COME BACK AND FIGHT, YOU CHICKENSHITS!
LORD GOD, LEROY, THAT WAS THE TOUGHEST MEANEST HIPPIE I EVER SAW!

I GUESS EVERYONE EXPECTS ME TO GET UP ON THE TABLE AND GET THAT LEFTOVER TURKEY!
WELL, I JUST THINK I'LL FOOL EVERYBODY AND IGNORE IT.
SIR, ONE OF OUR SCOUTS REPORTS A TASTY GIANT BIRD CARCASS ON THE KITCHEN TABLE!
CLICK
THIS WILL MAKE A GOOD HEADQUARTERS! MOVE IT UNDER THE STOVE!
YES, SIR!
!
WHAT A PIG! YOU EVEN ATE THE BONES!
THE END


I'LL SEARCH OUT THE COCKROACHES IN THEIR VERY **LAIR** AND **DESTROY** THEM!
SURE ARE A LOT OF COCKROACHES UNDER THE STOVE!
I'LL SPRAY 'EM OUT AND STOMP 'EM!
ISN'T THAT AGAINST THE GENEVA CONVENTION?
IT HURTS THEM WORSE THAN IT HURTS US!

YOU'RE ALL DIRTY AND GREASY! YOU NEED A BATH!
ARGH!
THIS CONCENTRATED DETERGENT OUGHT TO DO THE JOB!
OOPS! HE'S TOO SLIPPERY TO HOLD ON TO!
FREE AT LAST!
UH-OH... RAIN!
PLEASE! LET ME BACK IN!
the end

C'MON, KITTY, WE'RE GOING FOR A RIDE IN THE CAR!
OH SHIT!
LOCKED IN A CAR WITH ONE OF THOSE INCOMPETENT HUMANS IN CONTROL! ARRRGGGGH!!
LET ME OUT! I'M GONNA BE CARSICK!
POOR PUSSYCAT! HE'S SCARED!
I'LL HOLD HIM IN MY LAP!
NO! NO! NO!
URP!
NOT SCARED, STUPID! SICK!
end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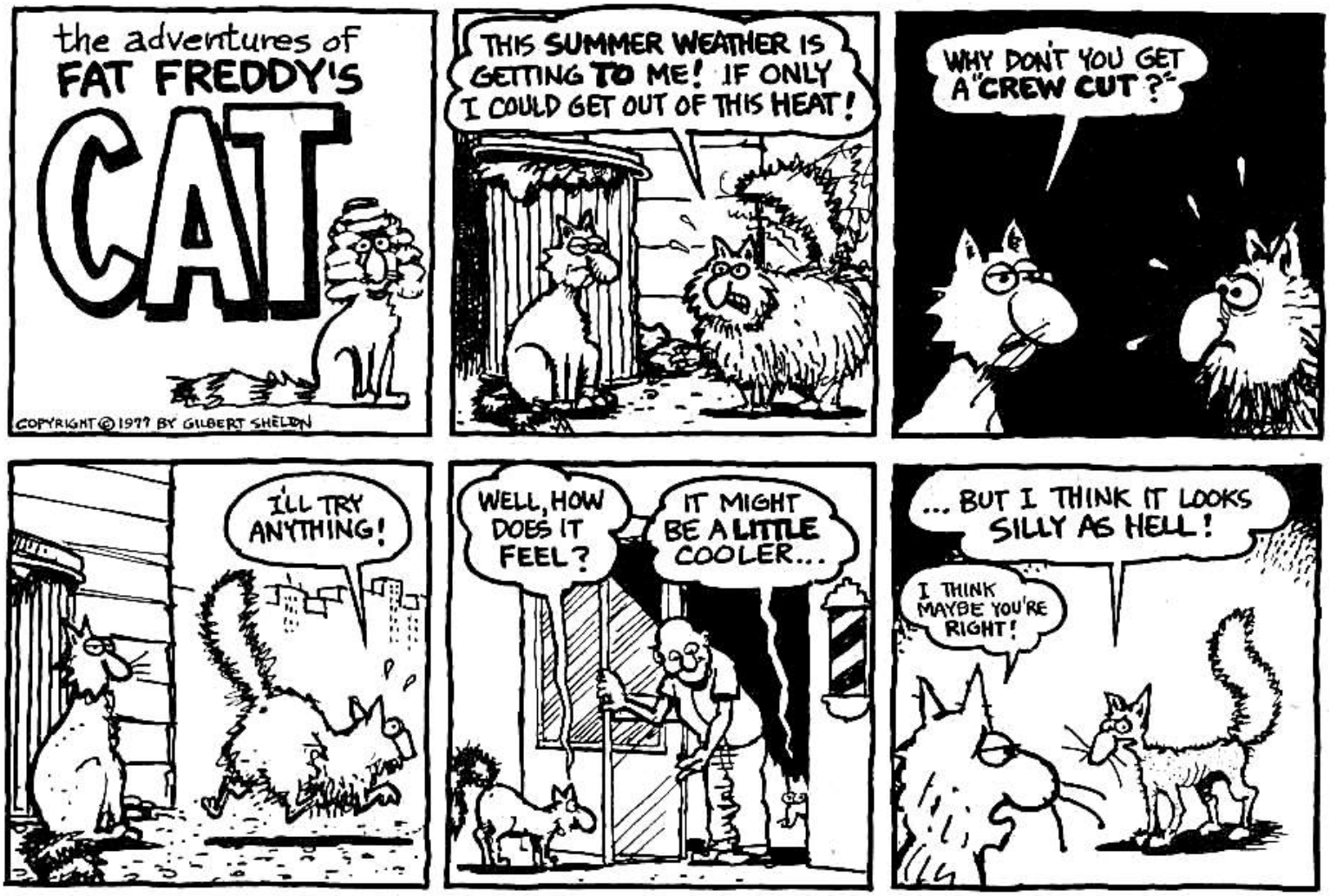
SPLAT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THIS SUMMER WEATHER IS GETTING TO ME! IF ONLY I COULD GET OUT OF THIS HEAT!
WHY DON'T YOU GET A "CREW CUT"?
I'LL TRY ANYTHING!
WELL, HOW DOES IT FEEL?
IT MIGHT BE A LITTLE COOLER...
... BUT I THINK IT LOOKS SILLY AS HELL!
I THINK MAYBE YOU'RE RIGHT!

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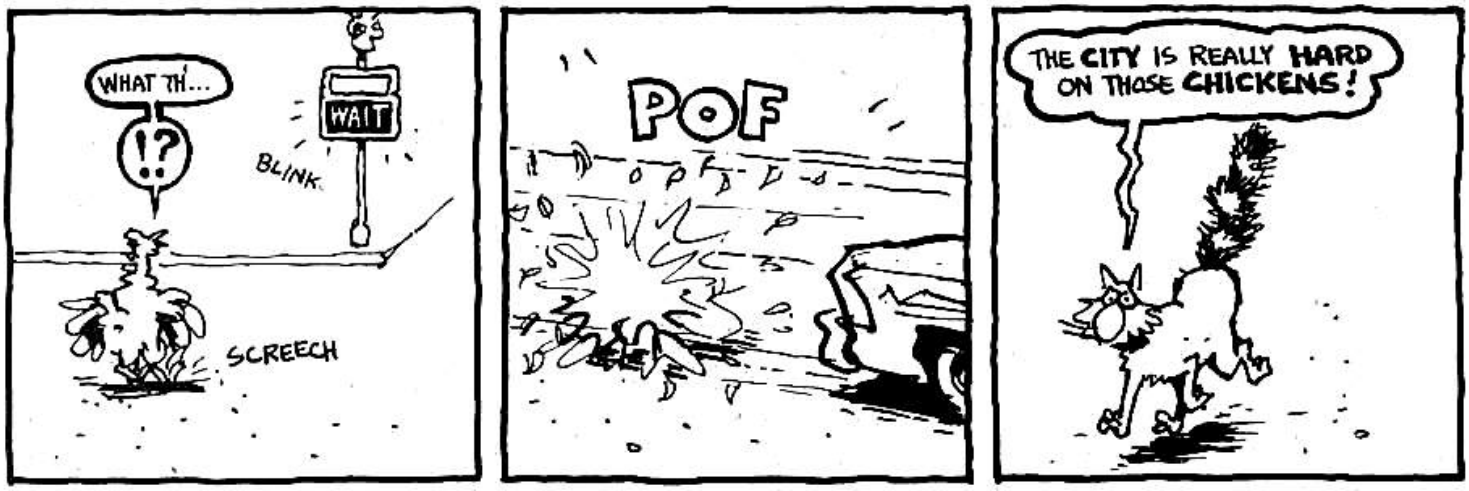
THIS IS MY FIRST DAY IN THE CITY! I'M TRYING TO DO EVERYTHING RIGHT!
WAIT
BLINK
WALK
WELL, HERE GOES!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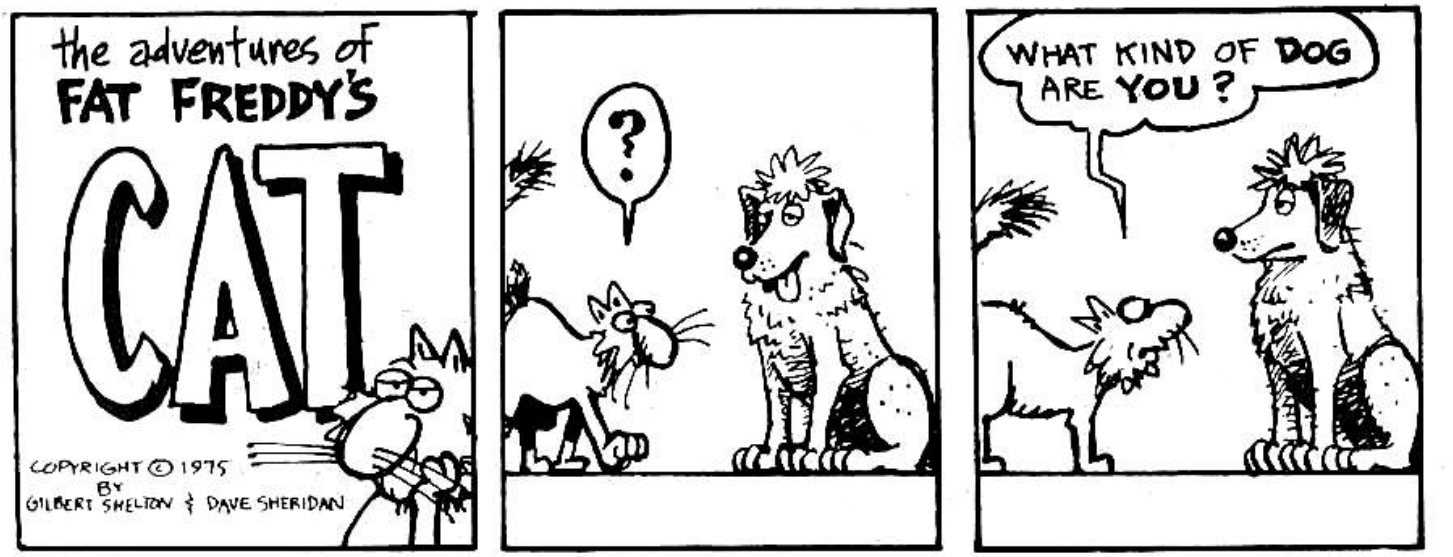
!?
WAIT
BLINK
SCREECH
POF
THE CITY IS REALLY HARD ON THOSE CHICKENS!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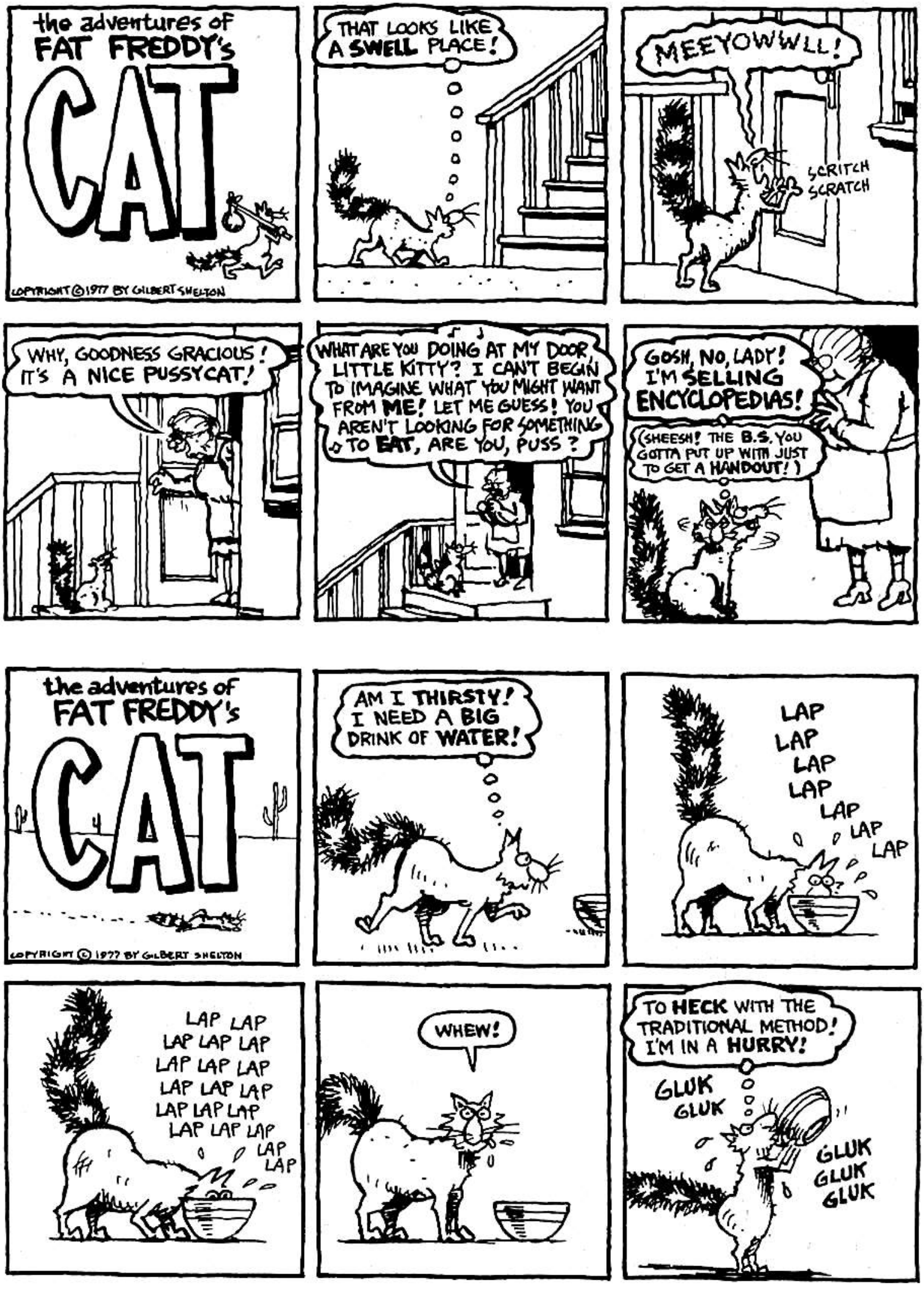
WHAT KIND OF DOG ARE YOU?

I'M A POLICE DOG!
YOU DON'T LOOK LIKE A POLICE DOG TO ME!
NATURALLY! I'M IN PLAIN CLOTHES!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THAT LOOKS LIKE A SWELL PLACE!
MEEYOWWLL!
SCRITCH SCRATCH
WHY, GOODNESS GRACIOUS! IT'S A NICE PUSSYCAT!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING AT MY DOOR, LITTLE KITTY? I CAN'T BEGIN TO IMAGINE WHAT YOU MIGHT WANT FROM ME! LET ME GUESS! YOU AREN'T LOOKING FOR SOMETHING TO EAT, ARE YOU, PUSS?
GOSH, NO, LADY! I'M SELLING ENCYCLOPEDIAS!
(SHEESH! THE B.S. YOU GOTTA PUT UP WITH JUST TO GET A HANDOUT!)
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AM I THIRSTY! I NEED A BIG DRINK OF WATER!
LAP LAP LAP LAP LAP LAP LAP
LAP LAP LAP LAP LAP LAP LAP LAP LAP LAP LAP LAP LAP LAP
WHEW!
TO HECK WITH THE TRADITIONAL METHOD! I'M IN A HURRY!
GLUK GLUK
GLUK GLUK GLUK

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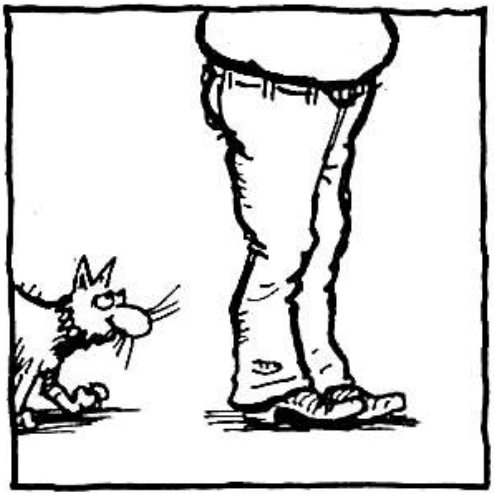

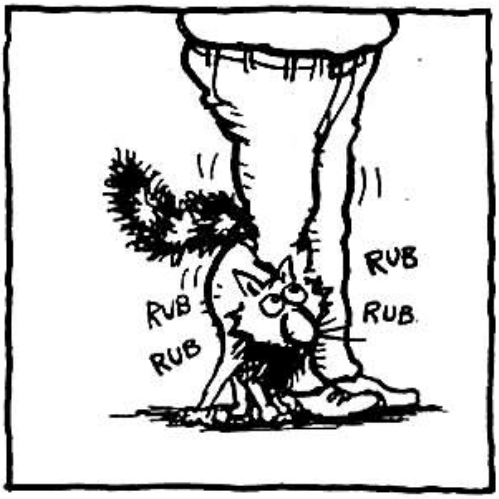

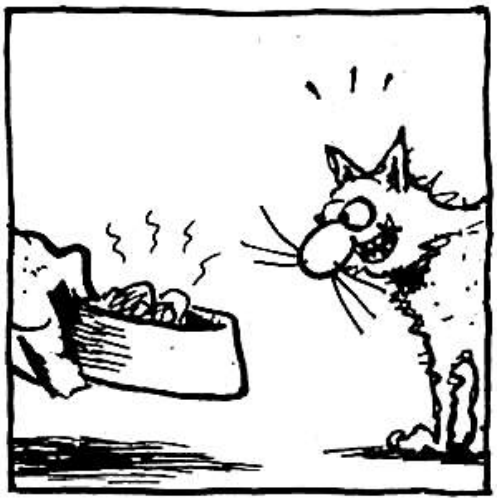

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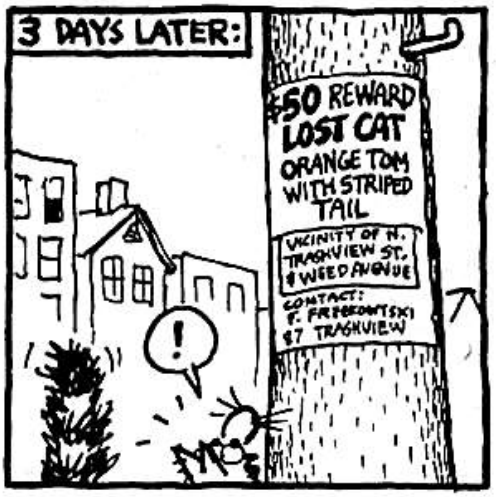

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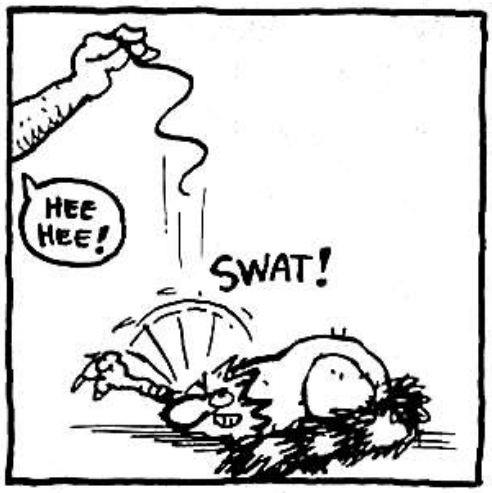

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ME OUT!
ME OUT! PROWL NOW!
WOW! ME OUT? ME OUT?
HUNH? WHAT? DO YOU WANT ME TO OPEN THE DOOR?
I SWEAR, THEY'RE SO STUPID THEY DON'T EVEN SEEM TO UNDERSTAND WHEN YOU SPEAK TO THEM IN THEIR OWN LANGUAGE!
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MEOW!
HEY! I RECOGNIZE THAT CAT!
HE USED TO LIVE IN THIS NEIGHBORHOOD! HE MUST'VE LEARNED THAT ROUTINE FROM ME!
MEOW! MEOW!
I CAN DO IT BETTER!
MEOW! MEOW!
PIG! YOU HAD A WHOLE PACKAGE OF LUNCHEON MEAT JUST THIRTY MINUTES AGO!
THE CLOD DOESN'T APPRECIATE ACTING TALENT!

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MENU
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CLICKITY
CLICKITY
CLICKITY
CLICK
SPRONK
--ZIP
GO AWAY, YOU STUPID KITTY!
CATS DONT LIKE TO EAT
FRUIT COCKTAIL!
HOW WOULD YOU KNOW, FAT
ONE? YOU SAID I WOULDN'T
LIKE FRANCO-AMERICAN
SPAGHETTI, EITHER!
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THE "450° WRAPAROUND."
THE "TURTLE."
THE "FUR PILLOW."
THE "EFFETE SLOB."
WHAT'RE YOU
DOING, OH
RETARDED
FELINE?
I'M PRACTICING
SLEEPING
POSITIONS
FOR THE
WINTER,
OBESE ONE!

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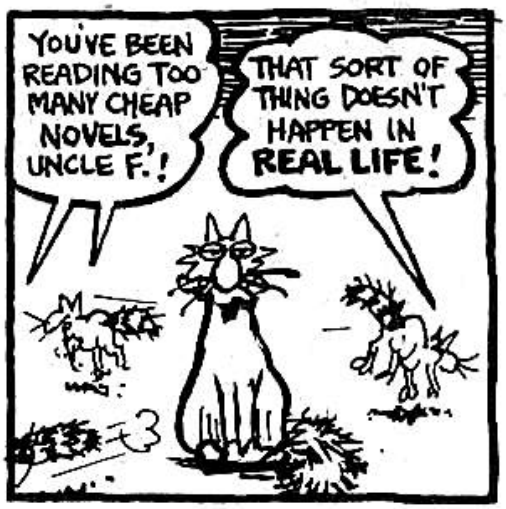

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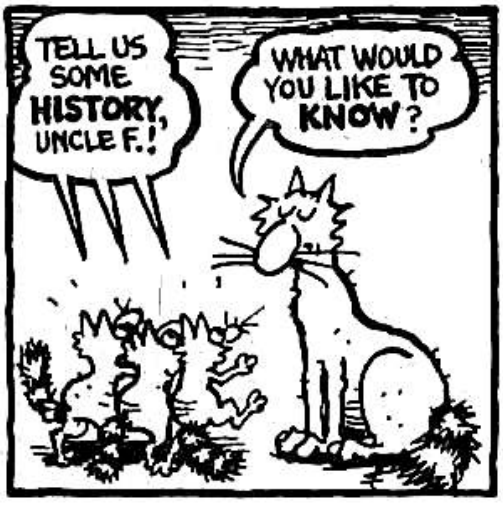

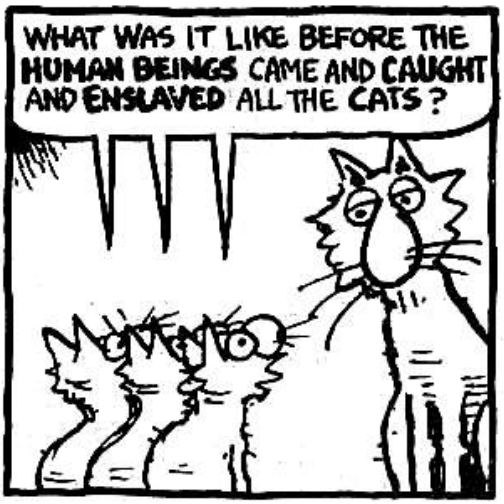

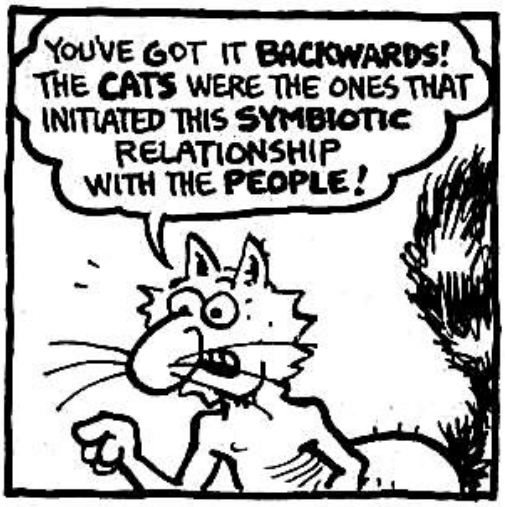

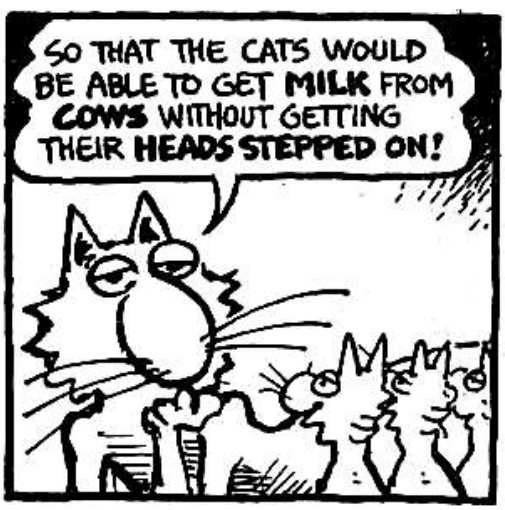

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WHY IS IT THAT WE'RE SUPPOSED TO REFER TO YOU AS OUR "UNCLE" WHEN WE KNOW YOU'RE REALLY NOT?
OH, THAT'S JUST A EUPHEMISM! A METAPHOR IN THE COMPLEX TERMINOLOGY OF FELINE GENEALOGY!
ACTUALLY, ALL OF US ORANGE CATS WITH STRIPED TAILS ARE RELATED SOMEWHERE DOWN THE LINE! WE'RE PROBABLY DISTANT COUSINS OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT!
(AHEM!)
DO YOU THINK HUEY, DEWEY, AND LOUIE ARE THE ILLEGITIMATE CHILDREN OF DONALD AND DAISY DUCK, THEN?
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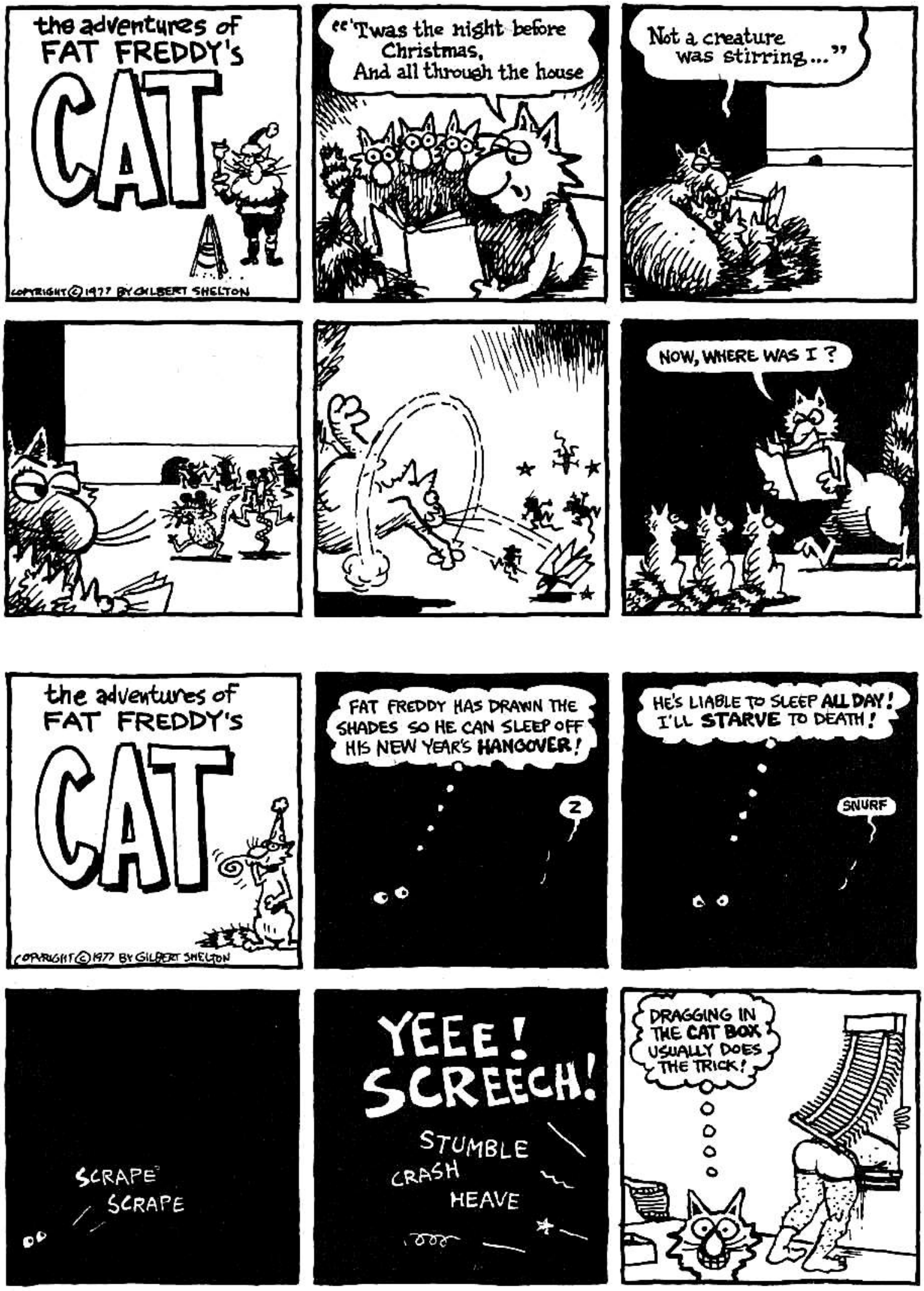
WAKE UP, WAKE UP! IT'S BREAKFAST TIME!
Z
A FEW BARS OF JIMI HENDRIX USUALLY DOES THE TRICK!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"'Twas the night before Christmas, And all through the house
Not a creature was stirring..."
NOW, WHERE WAS I ?
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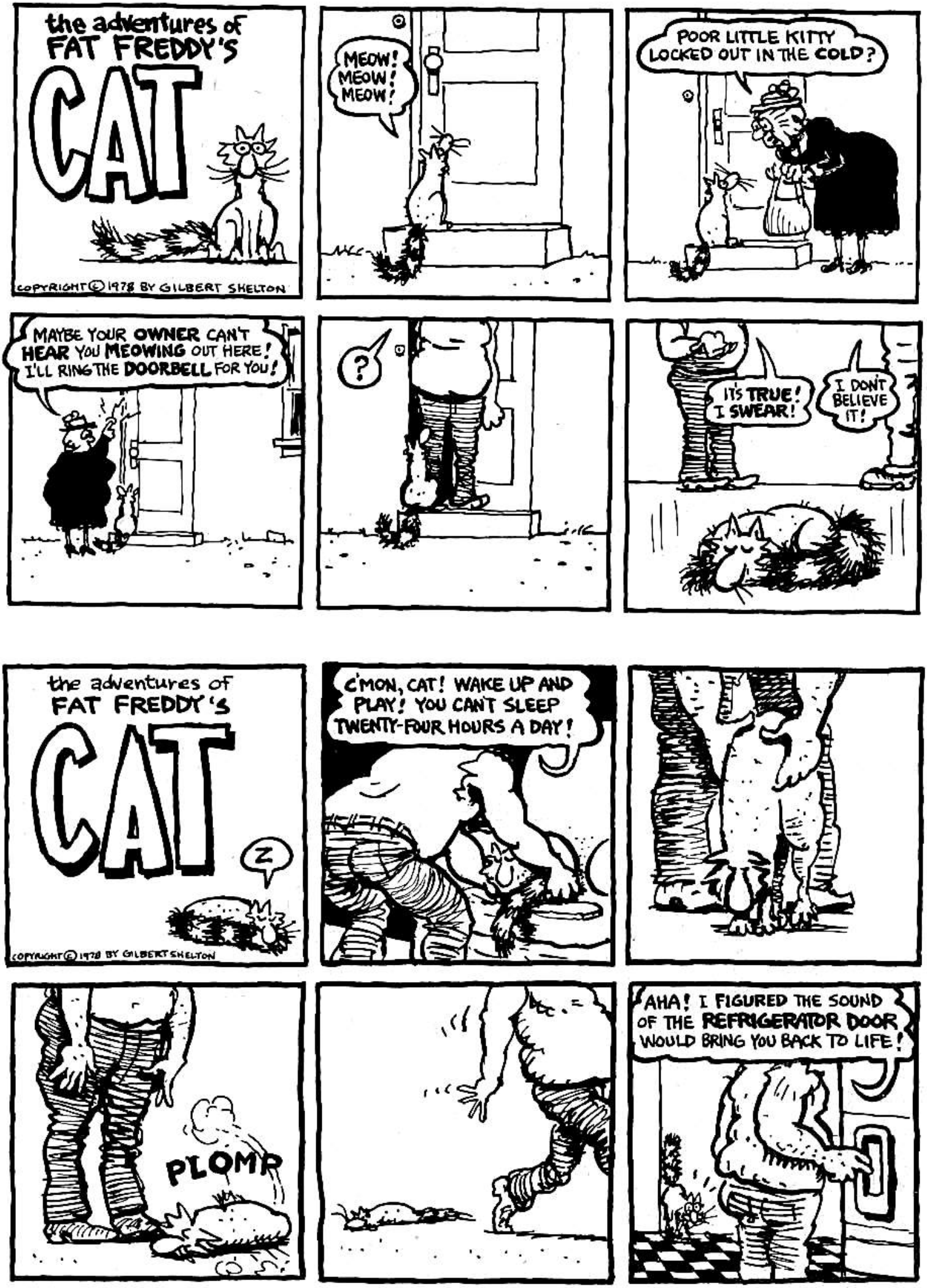
FAT FREDDY HAS DRAWN THE SHADES SO HE CAN SLEEP OFF HIS NEW YEAR'S HANGOVER!
Z
HE'S LIABLE TO SLEEP ALL DAY! I'LL STARVE TO DEATH!
SNURF
SCRAPE SCRAPE
YEEE! SCREECH!
STUMBLE
CRASH
HEAVE
DRAGGING IN THE CAT BOX USUALLY DOES THE TRICK!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MEOW! MEOW! MEOW!
POOR LITTLE KITTY LOCKED OUT IN THE COLD?
MAYBE YOUR OWNER CAN'T HEAR YOU MEOWING OUT HERE! I'LL RING THE DOORBELL FOR YOU!
?
IT'S TRUE! I SWEAR!
I DON'T BELIEVE IT!
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C'MON, CAT! WAKE UP AND PLAY! YOU CAN'T SLEEP TWENTY-FOUR HOURS A DAY!
PLOMP
AHA! I FIGURED THE SOUND OF THE REFRIGERATOR DOOR WOULD BRING YOU BACK TO LIFE!

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OH BOY! FAT FREDDY GOT A NEW CARTON OF MILK AND WENT AWAY WITHOUT PUTTING IT IN THE REFRIGERATOR!
CLUNK!
SPLOOT!
IT WAS A LOT EASIER TO OPEN BEFORE THEY CHANGED FROM BOTTLES TO CARTONS!
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WATCH MY CAT DO HIS TRICK!
RUN INTO THE PAPER BAG, KITTY!
WOW!
ZIP
ISN'T THAT GREAT? I'VE GOT HIM TRAINED!
I'D NEVER HUMILIATE MYSELF IN PUBLIC LIKE THIS IF IT WEREN'T FOR THE IMMENSE SALARY!

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BIG PARTY LAST NIGHT!
I'LL JUST TAKE A LOOK AROUND AND SEE IF ANYONE DROPPED ANY GOODIES!
FOUR PIECES OF SALAMI AND A PIECE OF KENTUCKY FRIED CHICKEN WING! NOT BAD!
...BUT HERE'S ONE OF MY FAVORITE THINGS OF ALL!
CLAM DIP EMBELLISHED WITH COCKROACHES! THEY MUST HAVE MADE THIS UP ESPECIALLY FOR ME!
YOW!
SCREAM!
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GOTCHA, COCKROACH!
I CANNOT SUFFER THE INDIGNITIES OF BEING CAUGHT AND TORTURED BY A PUSSYCAT!
THEREFORE, I AM TAKING THIS CYANIDE PELLET AND COMMITTING SUICIDE!
GLUP!
GEE, I'M GLAD HE WASN'T WEARING A DYNAMITE BELT!
THUD

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WATCHING TEEVEE, HUH? I CAUGHT YOU IN THE ACT!
YOU'LL ROT YOUR MIND! TELEVISION IS NOTHING BUT SIMPLE-MINDED DRIVEL!
WELL, AS LONG AS IT'S WARMED UP, WE MIGHT AS WELL WATCH THE NINE O'CLOCK NEWS!
OKAY! YOU'VE PROVEN YOUR POINT, FAT FREDDY!
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I HEAR THEY'VE PASSED A NEW CITY LAW REQUIRING DOG AND CAT LICENSES!
UH-OH! IT'S TRUE! THEY COST TEN DOLLARS!
I DON'T KNOW ANYONE WITH THAT KIND OF MONEY!
WHAT THE HECK ARE YOU DOING, KITTY-CAT?
HOW DO I LOOK AS A RACCOON?
I'M HAVING TO CHANGE MY IDENTITY!
MAKELIE

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WHAT'S THAT NOISE?
READY... SET...
STAND BY... INFLATE!
HFFF!
SSSSSSSSS
HISSSS...
WHEEZE! CHOKE!
SINCE I STARTED DOING AEROBIC EXERCISES I CAN PUFF UP BIGGER THAN ANY CAT ON THE BLOCK!
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BIRDS OF THE WORLD
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GOTCHA ROBIN!
ROBIN? YOU'RE LOOKING FOR THE ROBIN, ERITHACUS RUBECULA? I'M AFRAID YOU HAVE THE WRONG BIRD!
I, SIR, AM THE THRUSH, TURDUS MIGRATORIUS! NOW KINDLY TAKE YOUR PAWS OFF OF ME!
GOSH! IT LOOKED LIKE A ROBIN TO ME!

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THE SUN HAS BEEN RISING EARLIER AND EARLIER EACH MORNING!

YET THE IDIOTIC HUMAN BEING STAYS IN BED JUST AS LATE!

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IT'S THIS THING THAT MAKES HIM BEHAVE IN SUCH AN ODD WAY!

I'LL SMASH IT AND THEN FAT FREDDY WILL BE FREE TO GET UP AS EARLY AS HE WISHES!

SEVEN HOURS LATER:

WELL, I GUESS THAT SHOOTS THAT THEORY ALL TO HELL!

Z

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ROAR!

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THE FIERCE JUNGLE BEAST SLINKS THROUGH THE THICK UNDERBRUSH...

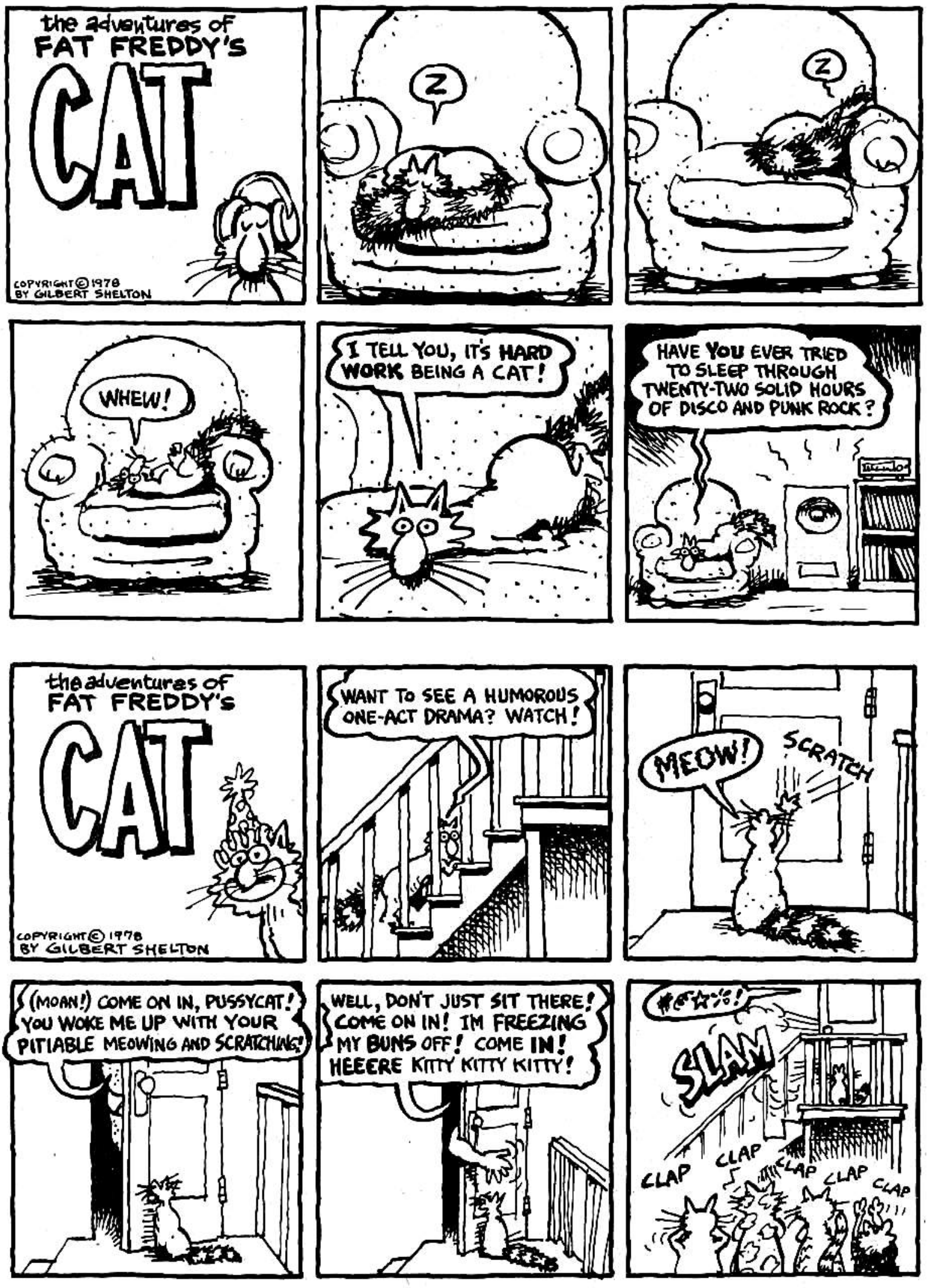
SILENTLY HE STALKS HIS PREY...

SUDDENLY HE POUNCES...

RIP RIP RIP RIP

IN A FLURRY OF CLAWS, THE HUNTER DISEMBOWELS HIS VICTIM...

AHHH... KITTY CRUNCHIES! MY FAVORITE BRAND!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WHEW!
I TELL YOU, IT'S HARD WORK BEING A CAT!
HAVE YOU EVER TRIED TO SLEEP THROUGH TWENTY-TWO SOLID HOURS OF DISCO AND PUNK ROCK?
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WANT TO SEE A HUMOROUS ONE-ACT DRAMA? WATCH!
MEOW!
SCRATCH
(MOAN!) COME ON IN, PUSSYCAT! YOU WOKE ME UP WITH YOUR PITIABLE MEOWING AND SCRATCHING!
WELL, DON'T JUST SIT THERE! COME ON IN! I'M FREEZING MY BUNS OFF! COME IN! HEEERE KITTY KITTY KITTY!
#@☆%!
SLAM
CLAP
CLAP
CLAP
CLAP
CLAP

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MEOW!
ALL RIGHT, WHO MOVED MY FAVORITE SLEEPING CHAIR?
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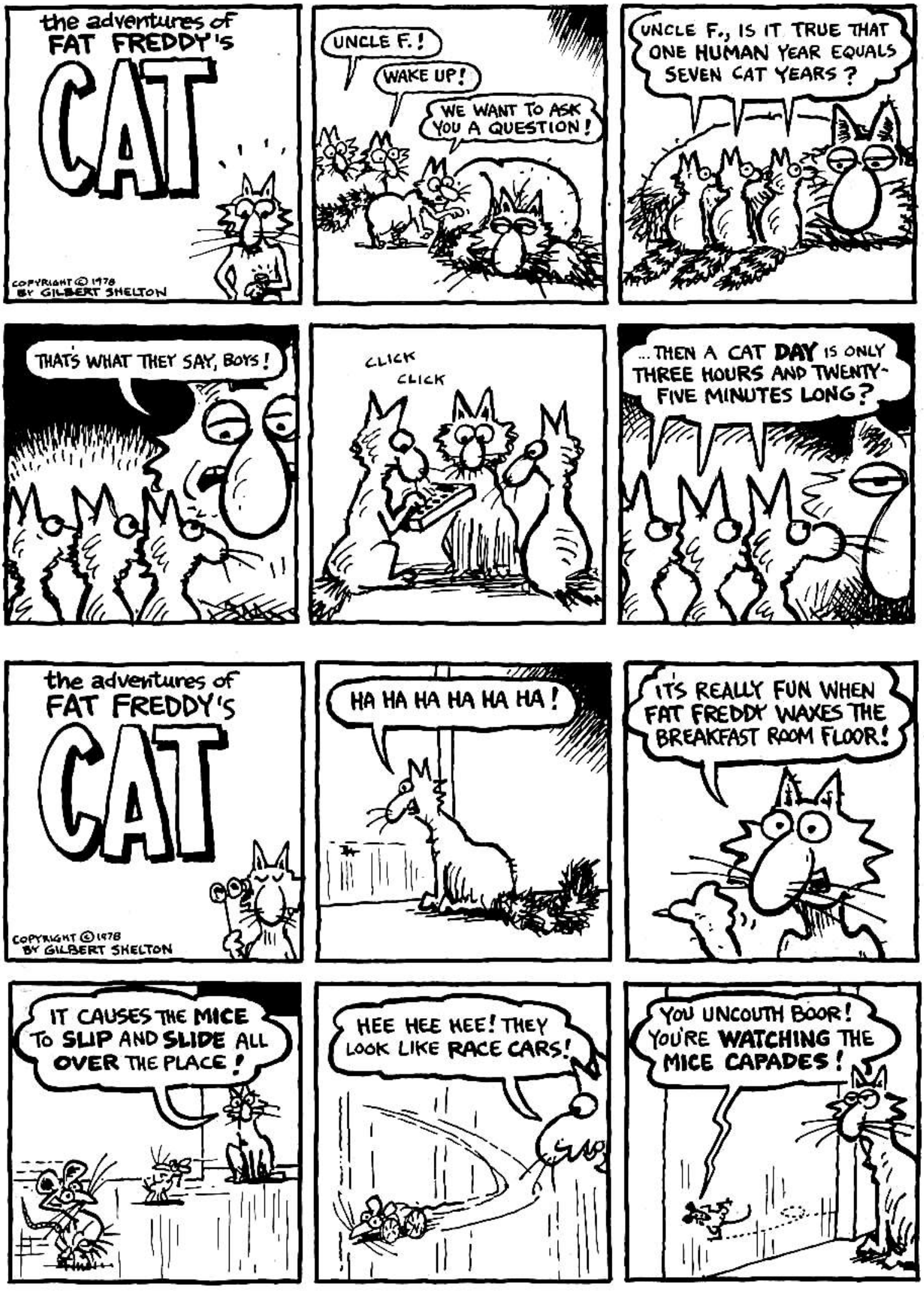
MEOW!
COME ON, FAT FREDDY! THIS IS THE KITTY LITTER! IT GOES IN THE CATBOX! I WANTED TO HAVE SOME OF THE KITTY DINNER!
OOPS, WRONG SACK! SORRY, KITTY, I'M A LITTLE SLEEPY THIS MORNING STILL!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UNCLE F.!
WAKE UP!
WE WANT TO ASK YOU A QUESTION!
UNCLE F., IS IT TRUE THAT ONE HUMAN YEAR EQUALS SEVEN CAT YEARS?
THAT'S WHAT THEY SAY, BOYS!
CLICK
CLICK
...THEN A CAT DAY IS ONLY THREE HOURS AND TWENTY-FIVE MINUTES LONG?
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HA HA HA HA HA HA!
IT'S REALLY FUN WHEN FAT FREDDY WAXES THE BREAKFAST ROOM FLOOR!
IT CAUSES THE MICE TO SLIP AND SLIDE ALL OVER THE PLACE!
HEE HEE HEE! THEY LOOK LIKE RACE CARS!
YOU UNCOUTH BOOR! YOU'RE WATCHING THE MICE CAPADES!

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ASLEEP AGAIN...
HOW CAN CATS SLEEP SO MUCH? HE MUST BE AWAKE LESS THAN TWO HOURS A DAY!
YAWN! (STRETCH!)
FRANKLY, IT'S NOT SO DIFFICULT NOWADAYS...
...BUT I DON'T KNOW HOW I DID IT BEFORE FAT FREDDY GOT HIS PRESCRIPTION FOR VALIUM!
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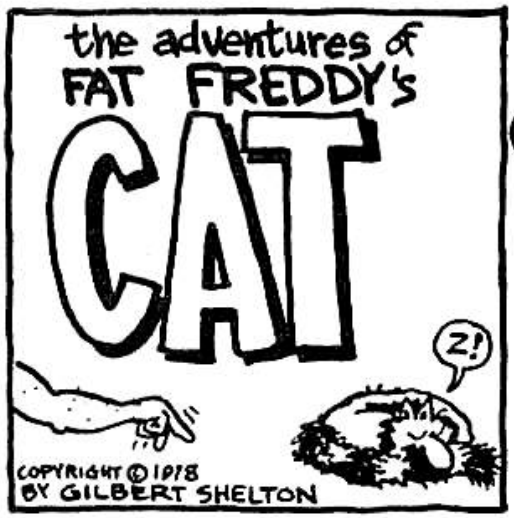
HEEERE KITTY KITTY KITTY!
HOME MADE "KITTY KRUNCHIES!"
LIKE 'EM?
HE MUST'VE BURNED UP A CAN OF CHILI...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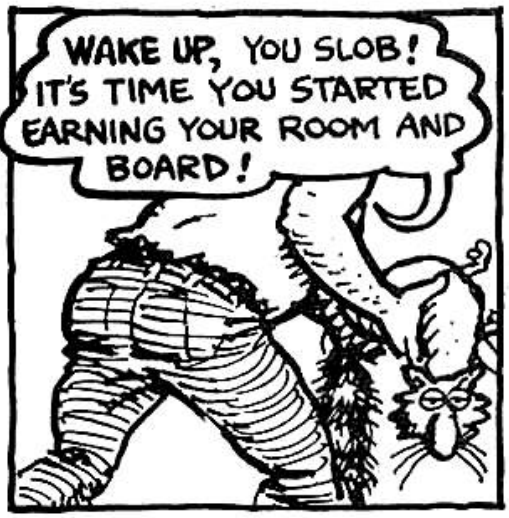
WAKE UP, YOU SLOB! IT'S TIME YOU STARTED EARNING YOUR ROOM AND BOARD!

PLAY WITH STRING!
ZIP

DANCE THE CHA-CHA!

WHEW! THAT'S HARD WORK! I THINK I'LL TAKE A NAP!

WAKE UP, YOU SLOB! IT'S TIME TO FEED ME!
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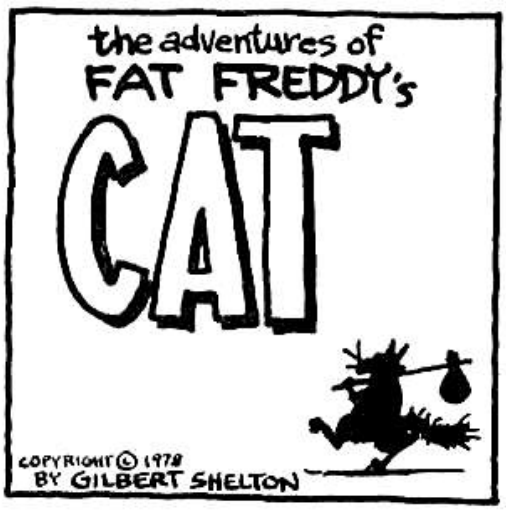
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ONCE A YEAR I "DISAPPEAR" FOR A WEEK OR SO, JUST TO TEASE OLD FAT FREDDY!

WHERE'D MY CAT GO? I HAVEN'T SEEN HIM IN SEVERAL DAYS!

OH, MY POOR KITTY! (WEEP) (WAIL) HE'S PROBABLY BEEN KILLED!

MEOW!
MY PUSSYCAT!

MORE MILK? YOU'LL LIKE IT! IT'S 50% CREAM! HOW ABOUT A CAN OF TUNA FISH?
IT KEEPS HIM FROM TAKING ME FOR GRANTED!
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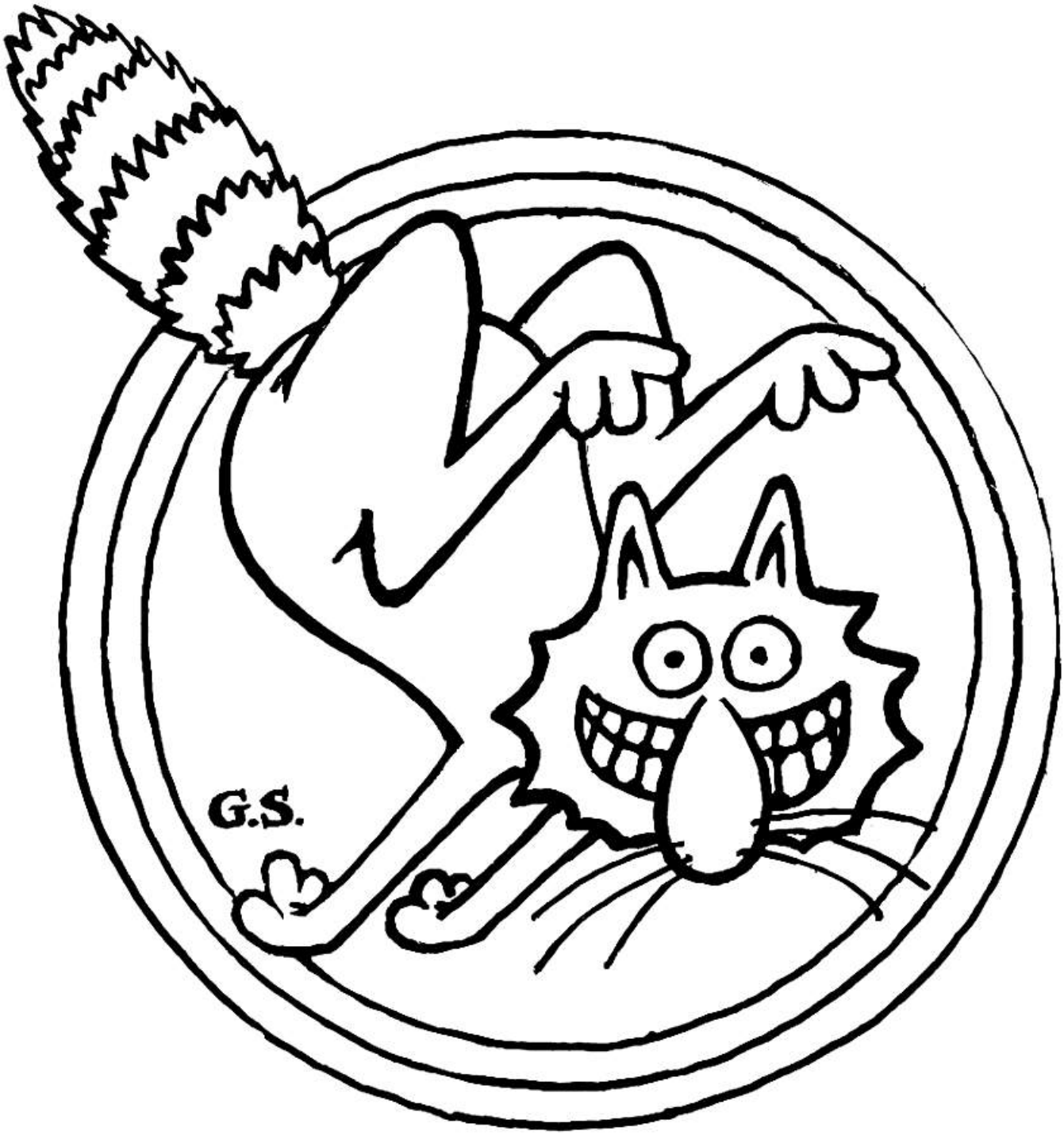
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